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SUBJECT: GREENLAND SALMON QUOTA

REFERENCE: A. COPENHAGEN 3674 (NOTAL); B. COPENHAGEN

3625 (NOTAL); C. STATE A-3744, MAY 1974

1. DEPT SEES NO VALIDITY IN DANISH SUGGESTION IN REFTTEL A THAT SALMON QUOTA ATTRIBUTED TO DENMARK AND FAROE ISLANDS IN 1975 BE ADDED TO THE GREENLAND QUOTA IN 1976. QUOTAS ESTABLISHED IN ICNAF FOR THOSE OTHER THAN GREENLANDERS WERE NEGOTIATED STRICTLY ON A PHASE-OUT BASIS AND HAVE NO RELATION TO ESTABLISHING GREENLAND QUOTA FOR 1976. USG

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WOULD SPECIFICALLY NOT BE WILLING TO DISCUSS ADDING TO

GREENLAND QUOTA FROM ANY BASIS IN ICNAF REGULATION CONCERNING OTHER QUOTAS. (I.E. DANISH MAINLAND, FAROES, OR NORWEGIAN).

2. USG WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS ISSUE PURSUANT TO PARA 4 OF ICNAF SALMON REGS (REFTEL C, ATTACHMENT 1). DESPITE SYMPATHY FOR PROBLEMS FACED BY GREENLAND NATIVES, HOWEVER, USG CONSIDERS IT LIKELY THAT US WOULD ACTIVELY OPPOSE ANY UPWARD REVISION OF THE QUOTA. BASIC USG POSITION IS THAT HIGH SEAS FISHING FOR SALMON IN THE ICNAF CONVENTION AREA IS CONTRARY TO EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION AND

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MANAGEMENT AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE BANNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1969 ICNAF AGREEMENT. FURTHER, USG CONSIDERS THAT AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE DOES NOT SUPPORT ANY SALMON QUOTA INCREASE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO REMIND DANES THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 6 OF 1972 ICNAF REGS DENMARK MADE A COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTION TO THE 1969 ICNAF BAN ON HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHING BY 1 JAN 1976.

4. DEPT IS NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS FOR PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US, CANADA AND DENMARK PRIOR TO 1976 ICNAF MEETING MENTIONED IN REFTEL B.

5. DEPT WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH HANSEN IF HE VISITS WASHINGTON IN SPRING.

6. FOR OSLO: NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALSO BE REMINDED THAT IT HAS PLEDGED TO WITHDRAW NORWEGIAN OBJECTION TO SALMON BAN AS PER PARA 3 ABOVE.

7. FOR BONN: FRG IS ONLY OTHER ICNAF MEMBER NOT PARTY TO 1969 BAN ON HIGH SEAS FISHING. UNLIKE NORWAY AND DENMARK, FRG FILED FORMAL OBJECTION TO REGULATION AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. IT HAS NOT FORMALLY PLEDGED TO BECOME PARTY TO 1969 REGULATION; ALTHOUGH IT DID GO ALONG WITH 1972 COMPROMISE. WITH NORWAY AND DENMARK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBJECTIONS WITHDRAWN, FRG WOULD BE ONLY ICNAF MEMBER MAINTAINING AN OBJECTION. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE AS TO WHETHER FRG MIGHT ALSO WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTION.

8. FYI. COMMITMENTS BY DANES AND NORWEGIANS TO WITHDRAW OBJECTIONS TO 1969 ICNAF BAN ON HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHERY IS WELL DOCUMENTED IN 1972, 74 AND 75 ICNAF PROCEEDINGS

WHICH REGFISHATT SHOULD HAVE IN FILES. END FYI. KISSINGER

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